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**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL ANNOUNCES UPCOMING
DEADLINE FOR NEXT LAW ENFORCEMENT EXAM**

TRENTON, NJ—The New Jersey Department of Personnel urges those interested in a career in public safety to file an application for the Law Enforcement Exam (LEE) by March 31st, the application filing deadline.

“By taking the Law Enforcement Exam, you will open the door to the variety of career paths in public safety available throughout the State of New Jersey,” said Rolando Torres, Jr, Commissioner of the Department of Personnel. “The brave men and women who make up the public safety ranks in New Jersey are among our most important public employees. I urge men and women of honor to pursue these opportunities by applying to take the LEE.”

Through the LEE, **applicants can select to apply for one or more of the entry-level titles such as Police Officer, Sheriff's Officer, County Corrections Officer, and State Park Police Officer Trainee.** The names and scores of candidates who successfully pass the LEE are placed in a pool of eligible candidates, which is used to fill vacancies in all Merit System jurisdictions.

In 2004, over 32,000 candidates applied to take the LEE, the highest number of candidates in the State's history. These increased numbers were also reflected in the number of minorities who applied to take the exam,: of 32,000 applicants, 25 percent were women; 20 percent were Hispanic, and 27 percent were African American.

“During the last few years, we have made positive strides towards diversifying our law enforcement to better represent the communities they protect and serve,” Commissioner Torres said. “The Department of Personnel stands behind Governor Jon S. Corzine's commitment to recruiting a diverse workforce, which is particularly important when it comes to building a diverse and skilled pool of law enforcement professionals.”

Examinations for entry-level Law Enforcement positions are announced **every other year.** The written test is typically given in late spring after each announcement. Candidates may use one application for all entry-level titles, and pay a \$25 application fee, and \$5 for each additional title. Those who pass will remain in the eligible pool for two years. The announcement, application and filing instructions are available on the DOP web site during the filing period, at **www.nj.gov/personnel**. A limited supply of printed copies are available at public libraries, county and municipal law enforcement agencies, statewide NJ Department of Labor Employment Services Offices, and various community organizations throughout New Jersey.

The training arm of the Department, the Human Resource Development Institute (HRDI) also offers a Law Enforcement Entry-Level Exam Preparation (LEEEP) class. However, applicants do not need to attend the training to pass the Law Enforcement exam. An LEE orientation guide, available free of charge on the Department of Personnel website, can also be used as supplemental test guide.

For more information, visit **www.state.nj.us/personnel/**.

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The mission of the New Jersey Department of Personnel is to attract, develop and retain a high quality workforce for State, county and municipal governments and to partner with management and labor to develop a fair, efficient human resource delivery system rewarding quality, merit, and productivity.